

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

November 4, 2005

Attendance:

Robert Clegg, Chairman, Department of Safety

Jerry Tepe, Board of Architects, licensed architect

Tedd Evans, Board for Licensing and Regulation of Plumbers, licensed master plumber

Thomas Malley, Bureau of Electrical Safety and Licensing, licensed master electrician

Wayne A. Richardson, NH Building Officials Association, municipal building official

Fred Baybutt, Associated General Contractors, building contractor - non-residential bldgs.

Thomas S Lambert, Chief, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, Municipal Fire

Wes Golomb, Public Utilities Commission, State energy conservation code office

Mark Weissflog, NH Electrical Contractors Business Assoc., licensed master electrician

Joel Fisher, Board of Engineers, licensed structural engineer

Michael Santa, CBO, Governor's Commission on Disability, Architectural barrier/free design

Excused:

John Tuttle, NH Home Builders Association, Architectural designer - residential

Rick Swain, NH Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Assoc., mechanical contractor, business

James Petersen, PE, Board of Engineers, licensed mechanical engineer

Med Kopczynski, NH Municipal Association

Absent:

Vacant - Board of Engineers, licensed electrical engineer

Mark Tibbetts, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, municipal volunteer fire chief

Guests:

Three second year law students from Franklin Pierce Law Center

Chair Robert Clegg declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

GENERAL MEETING:

Adoption of meeting minutes from October 14, 2005

Jerry Tepe made the **Motion** to accept the minutes. **Motion was Seconded** by Mark Weissflog. There being no comments, omissions, corrections, Chair asked for the vote. Vote was **Unanimous** and so declared.

OLD BUSINESS

Smart Codes - subcommittee report

Mike Santa reported the sub-committee did meet and reviewed some of the issues that were outstanding. Some progress has been done. They want to meet with Fire Marshal Degnan in a group at some point. Joel looked at some of the structural provisions of the International Existing Building Code, and when they get ready to make a proposal, they will probably have an amendment. Overall, they will not have anything for the Board until they have had a chance to review the 2006 IBEC.

Kevin MacIntyre, a law student from Franklin Pierce asked Mike what was Smart Codes. Mike said that in a nutshell Smart Codes are Codes that are developed for use are in use for existing structures.

Legislation in the works

- a. **International Residential Code:** Senator Clegg did file the bill. He keeps his Senate bills confidential until he signs off on the bill at which time it becomes public. In response to a question from Tepe, the senator indicated the legislation will adopt the IRC 2000 edition to be consistent with the current law.
- b. **Handrails for stairways:** Mike Santa spoke to the sponsor of this bill. He told her that this was already covered. He will try and get a hold of her again. She felt that there was not enough handrails in public buildings.
- c. **Membership of the State Building Code Review Board:** Senator Clegg does not know who else they could put in on this Board to make it any more effective than what we do now. We have the top notch person from every field now as it is.
- d. **Regulation of home inspectors:** Chairman Clegg said he wants to watch this one because they are trying to put more and more responsibility onto this Board which would decrease its effectiveness as a whole. He himself will oppose it, but each member can do as they need to.

Appendix G from the IBC

Jerry Tepe reported that the appendixes to the IBC have to be adopted individually. Flood resistance construction appendix G he thought the Board should at least look at for the public safety given recent events in the state. It is more of an administrative tool for the local officials to use than technical changes. Jerry Tepe made the **Motion** to move this subject to a PUBLIC HEARING for further discussion of the Board. Wayne Richardson **Seconded** the **Motion**. The Chair asked if there was any discussion. Tom Lambert said he discussed some of the items in the Appendix with Jerry before the meeting and feels that the majority of this is addressed in other parts of State Government, such as the definition of flood plain and flood plain insurance and where those requirements would kick in. If a PUBLIC HEARING is going to be held, he thinks it would be in the Boards best interest to contact some of these people and have them present. There being no further discussion at this time, the Chair asked for a vote. Vote was **Unanimous** and so declared. This appendix will be **EXHIBIT 16**. Tom Lambert will look into getting a list together of people who should be notified/invited of the PUBLIC HEARING.

NEW BUSINESS

Code of Ethics Forms

Senator Clegg said you do not have to put the whole list of everything you have - if you own stock in like the IBC - make sure you put it down. But if you get most of your income from say rental property - just say rental property.

Web-site addition - link to publication "Ground Snow Loads for NH document"

Joel Fisher asked to have the link put onto the new web-site for the Ground Snow loads. He **Moved** to add a link to the US Army Corp of Engineers- for the Ground Snow Loads for NH document to the new web-site. **Motion** was **Seconded** by Jerry Tepe. Discussion: Mike Santa said that all you need to do is to go into the Structural Engineers web-site and then go to that. Joel said yes you can - but as a 'reference document', to have this listed specifically. Vote taken was **Unanimous** and so declared. Evvy will advise Margaret to add the direct link.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jerry Tepe reported that on the new web-site - it is difficult to find where the Amendments were, and that you actually had to go under Rules and Laws to find them. Most people would not think to go there. He recommended that the drop down menu choice be changed to read Laws, Rules and Amendments. Evvy will ask Margaret to make this change also.

Jerry also pointed out that right under the "Welcome" where it goes down and spells out the IBC Codes, etc all the way down to the Electrical Code, it is most confusing because the Board has amended the NEC to the 2005 if next year we pass to go to the 2006 Code, it is misleading. Jerry Tepe made the **Motion** to update the paragraph under the "Welcome" to reflect the current codes by updating the dates that have been adopted by the Board. **Motion** was **Seconded** by Wes Golomb. Vote taken was **Unanimous** and so declared by the Chair. Evvy will ask Margaret to make this change also.

Just for informational purposes, Mike Santa was asked to speak before a Committee that was studying accessible units within accessible dwelling units within the state and what we have and what we may be producing each year. They were really struggling with the fact that we don't accumulate these numbers of units. As the baby boomers age, they are concerned how this will impact housing stock in the future. The Office of State Planning does accumulate data on how many singles family units are constructed each year, how many multiple family units, etc. And he suggested they start to accumulate these figures.

ADJOURNMENT

Tedd Evans made the **Motion** to adjourn. **Motion** was **Seconded**. Vote was **Unanimous** and so declared.

Next Meeting Dates: December 9, January 13 and February 10.
PUBLIC HEARING date to be determined.